

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 9, replace the second full paragraph with the following:

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—Moreover, the LAN 16 can have an access server for accepting access by an external communications device through a telephone line, mobile communications line, or a dedicated line. Thus, the servers 17 to 19 can be accessed out of the territory of the subscriber switching station 13. In this case, the servers 17 to 20 on th LAN 16 can be maintained from the outside of the territory of the subscriber switching station 13. The access server makes it possible for a subscriber device which is directly connected with the subscriber switching system 14 ~~not through the switch 15 but directly~~, to ~~[[make an]]~~ access the LAN 16. Unlike the preferred embodiment described earlier and shown in Fig. 1, the subscriber device in this instance is not connected with the subscriber switching system 14 through the switch 15 because it is directly connected with the subscriber switching system 14. Please note that such a subscriber device cannot access the LAN 16 without the access server even if it is placed in the territory of the subscriber switching station.—